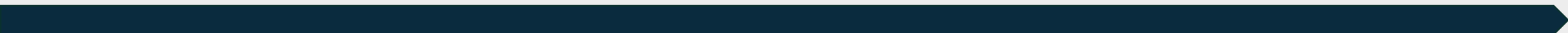




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FY27 Budget Updates from MiLEAP ♦ Office of Higher Education

Fiscal Year 27 – Budget Overview

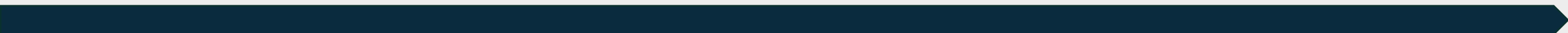


State Financial Aid

FUNDING

- Children of Veterans Tuition Grant/Survivor Tuition Grant **\$2 million**
- Fostering Futures Scholarship **\$750K + Charitable**
- MI GEAR UP **\$3.2 million**
- MI Future Educator Fellowship **\$25 million**
- MI Future Educator Stipend **\$57 million**
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship/Skills **\$532 million**
- Michigan Competitive Scholarship & Michigan Tuition Grant **\$50 million** (*work project funding*)
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver **\$15.3 million**
- Michigan Reconnect **\$67 million**
- Tuition Incentive Program **\$165.8 million**

Fiscal Year 27 – Program Updates



State Financial Aid

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Michigan Achievement Scholarship
 - Retains Class of 2023 EFC Grandfathering/Rollover.
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 - Requires 15-month initiation.

State Financial Aid

PROGRAM UPDATES

- MI Future Educator Fellowship
 - Requires Educator Preparation Programs to include training in the Science of Reading by September 30, 2027.
 - 2026-27 recipients may now fulfill their teaching requirement at a nonpublic school or qualifying nonpublic preschool program (*in addition to a public school or qualifying public preschool program*).
 - Removes high school graduation requirement.
- Michigan Future Educator Stipend
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State Financial Aid

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Fostering Futures Scholarship
 - Summer awards allowable (beginning Summer 2027).
 - Initial Application only (FAFSA is the renewal application).
- MI GEAR UP
 - Annual and lifetime maximum award for Class of 2026 cohort (\$5,000/\$10,000).
- Michigan Reconnect
 - Permanently lowers the age to 21.
 - Application Available Mid-August.
 - Students are eligible Fall 2026.
 - Dependent students' residency follows Contributor 1 on the FAFSA.

State Financial Aid

PROGRAM UPDATES

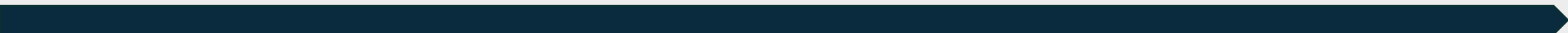
- Tuition Incentive Program
 - Allows students who (*at the time of graduation*) are enrolled in and receive instruction in a special education program or service to have until age 26 to complete high school or its recognized equivalent.
 - TIP Phase I rate at private or independent degree-granting institutions is \$138 per credit hour for Academic Year 2026-27.

State Financial Aid

POLICY UPDATES

- Non-public Dual Enrollment Billing Process Changes & MiSSG
- FAFSA Reject Codes 74 or 75
 - **Students will be ineligible for State financial aid unless identity verification is completed.**
- Acceptable and Unacceptable Proof of High School Completion
- Clock-hour Equivalency and Certificate Programs Defined
- Audited Courses Not Covered by State Financial Aid
- Clarification on Guest Student Policy
- Clarification on Promise Zones and Packaging Order
 - **For non-tuition specific aid.**

Fiscal Year 27 – Payment Schedule



Payment Schedule

MONTHLY

Monthly

- MI Future Educator Stipend: **October 14, 2026** through **August 11, 2027**.
- Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship: **November 11, 2026** through **September 8, 2027**.

Certifications for MI Future Educator Stipend will be available September 1, 2026.
Certifications for Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship will be available in November.

Note: Dates may be adjusted due to required system modifications.

Payment Schedule

QUARTERLY

Quarterly

- **Quarter 1:** November 11, 2026
- **Quarter 2:** February 17, 2027
- **Quarter 3:** May 5, 2027
 - April 28, 2027 Nonpublic Dual Enrollment
- **Quarter 4:** August 11, 2027
 - June 30, 2027 Nonpublic Dual Enrollment

Children of
Veterans Tuition
Grant

Fostering Futures
Scholarship

Futures for
Frontliners

Michigan
Achievement
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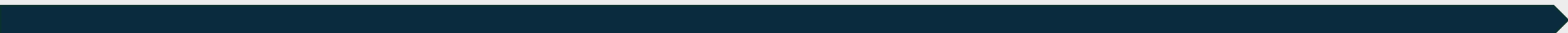
Tuition Incentive
Program

Certifications and Requests for Reimbursement will be available for Fall September 30, 2026.

Confirmation of Eligibility for MI Fellowship will be available September 1, 2026.

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Fiscal Year 27 – Initiatives and What's Next



MiLEAP - Office of Higher Education

INITIATIVES

- Universal FAFSA Completion Challenge: **Retains \$10 million**
- FAFSA Completion Incentive (Ticket to Tuition): **Reinvests \$1 million**
- Student Success Funding (including) Hunger Free Campus: **\$300+K**
- Re-enrollment Campaign for Stop-out Students: **\$500K**
- Program Outreach/Marketing: **Retains \$10 million**

Looking Back & LOOKING AHEAD

- 2025-26 State Financial Aid Awarded to Date
 - As of June, more than \$641 million has been awarded to over 147,000 students.
- FAFSA #s
 - As of June, more than 61,000 Class of 2026 or 53.15% completion rate.
 - 4% increase from last year at the same time.
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver
 - MiSSG Implementation/Online Student Application Launch Coming Soon!
- MSFAA State Aid Training Day
 - October 8, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mid Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant
- Workforce Pell 2nd Application
 - January 15, 2027 – February 12, 2027, Supplemental Application Available!
 - Programs on Michigan Training Connect.

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